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Revised draft decision recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology for adoption by the Conference of the Parties

Traditional knowledge

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the synopsis of reports on traditional knowledge compiled by the secretariat, 1/

1. Requests the secretariat to complete its ongoing work on compiling the most important and widely applied traditional knowledge on a subregional and regional basis and on a national scale where appropriate, and make a synthesis of this work available to the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session;

2. Decides to appoint an ad hoc panel composed of 10 experts with terms of reference as follows:

(a) Drawing upon the synthesis referred to in paragraph 1 above, to identify successful experiences and conclusions relating to (a) threats and other constraints, including socio-economic impacts, confronting such traditional knowledge and practices, (b) strategies for integrating traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices with modern knowledge based on specific case histories, and (c) mechanisms for promoting and exchanging successful approaches.

(b) To report according to the Conference of the Parties at its third session.

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